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C O N F I D E N T I A L CONAKRY 2424

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SUBJ: SOVIET AIRCRAFT SALE TO GUINEA

1. ONE SOVIET 20 PASSENGER YAK-40 EXECUTIVE TYPE AIRCRAFT ARRIVED
IN CONAKRY ON DECEMBER 8. THIS AIRCRAFT WAS PROCURED BY THE GUINEA
GOVERNMENT ON A LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND WILL OPERATE IN GUINEA
FOR SIX-MONTH PERIOD. IF AIRCRAFT IS FOUND ADEQUATE TO GUINEAN NEEDS,
THE GUINEA GOVERNMENT MAY PURCHASE A TOTAL OF THREE YAK-40S.

2. AIR GUINEA CURRENTLY OPERATES AGING 40 PASSENGER AN-24 AIRCRAFT
ON ITS INTERNAL NETWORK. AIR GUINEA AFRICAN PILOTS ARE REPORTEDLY
IRRITATED OVER DECISION TO POSSIBLY PURCHASE THE YAK-40 AIRCRAFT AS
THEY FEEL IT IS VERY EXPENSIVE TO OPERATE AND HAS LESS PASSENGER
CAPACITY THAN THE AN-24 AIRCRAFT. GUINEAN PILOTS WOULD HAVE PREFERRED
THE GOVERNMENT TO BUY FOKKER FRIENDSHIP OR SIMILAR AIRCRAFT WHICH
WOULD HAVE PROVIDED LARGER PASSENGER CAPACITY AND LOWER COST OPERATING

EXPENSES AND WOULD BE MORE SUITABLE FOR GUINEAN BUSH AIRFIELDS.
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